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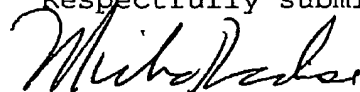
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Claims 1 to 52 are pending. No claims are allowed.

The examiner indicates that the following inventions are claimed in this application: claims 1 to 18 (Group I) drawn to a first battery, claims 19 to 30 (Group II) drawn to a second battery, claims 31 to 39 (Group III) drawn to a third battery, claims 40 to 45 (Group IV) drawn to a fourth battery, and claims 46 to 52 (Group II) drawn to a fifth battery. The applicants elect to prosecute the inventions of Group II, claims 19 to 30, and cancel the claims of Groups I, III, IV and V, without traverse.

A substantive action on the merits of the pending claims is requested at an early date.

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